16. (Amended) The method defined in claim 5, wherein the sole or predominant iron-containing phase in the alloy article is  $\beta$  phase.

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17. (Amended) The method defined in claim 5, wherein the step of solidifying the casting produces iron-containing phases that include a substantial proportion of  $\pi$  phase and the subsequent solution heat treatment step is effective to convert a majority of the  $\pi$  phase to  $\beta$  phase to give a microstructure in the alloy article that includes iron-containing phases which are predominantly  $\beta$  phase.